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**AMENDED CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A bottle {1}, ~~in particular a baby bottle~~, comprising:  
a bottle jacket [[(2)]] open on both sides, wherein a base cap [[(8)]] including  
an air intake valve [[(13)]] is fastened to a bottom-side end region [[(4)]] of the bottle  
jacket [[(2)]], and

a teat {9} is fastened to the opposite, teat-side end region, which teat  
comprises a shaft [[(21)]] and a nipple [[(23)]] following said shaft via a lip contacting  
region [[(22)]]],

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bottle jacket [[(2)]] has a substantially conical  
shape widening from a teat-side end region to its bottom-side end region [[(4)]] and  
the wall thickness of the shaft [[(21)]] of the teat [[(9)]] is greater than the wall  
thickness of the teat [[(9)]] in the lip contacting region [[(22)]] and of the nipple  
[[(23)]]].

2. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that, wherein an end region (3, 4) each provided with a thread (5, 6) for receiving a cap (7, 8) adjoins the two open ends of the bottle jacket [(2)].
3. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 2, characterized in that a wherein the teat [(9)] is fastened by means of a sleeve cap [(7)] to the end region [(3)] having the smaller diameter, a teat flange [(10)] being clamped between the sleeve cap [(7)] and a front face [(3')] of the end region [(3)] by screwing engagement of the sleeve cap [(7)] with the bottle jacket [(2)].
4. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 2 or 3, characterized in that, wherein a base cap [(8)] having an air intake valve [(13)] is screwed to the bottom-side end region [(4)] of the bottle jacket [(2)].
5. (currently amended) A bottle according to any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that claim 1, wherein a diaphragm [(14)] is received in the base cap [(8)] for forming the air intake valve [(13)], a fastening flange [(19)] of the diaphragm [(14)] being clamped between [the] a front face [(4')] of the bottom-side end region [(4)] and the base cap [(8)].
6. (currently amended) A bottle according to any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that claim 1, wherein at least one air intake opening [(18)] is provided in the base cap [(8)].

7. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 5 or 6, characterized in that ~~in that~~,  
wherein the diaphragm [[(14)]] has a shape corresponding to the cup-shaped design  
of the base cap [[(8)]].
8. (currently amended) A bottle according to any one of claims 5 to 7, characterized  
in that claim 5, wherein the diaphragm [[(14)]] is circular-ring-shaped.
9. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 8, characterized in that wherein  
the diaphragm [[(14)]] has an inner diameter of at least 15 mm, preferably of  
substantially 30 mm.
10. (currently amended) A bottle according to any one of claims 1 to 9,  
characterized in that claim 1, wherein the base cap [[(8)]] is designed calotte-shaped  
with a central elevated portion [[(16)]].
11. (currently amended) A bottle according to any one of claims 5 to 10,  
characterized in that the claim 5, wherein an inner end portion [[(20)]] of the circular-  
ring-shaped diaphragm [[(14)]] abuts on [[the]] a central elevated portion [[(16)]] of  
the base cap [[(8)]].
12. (currently amended) A bottle according to any one of claims 5 to 11,  
characterized in that claim 5, wherein the diaphragm [[(14)]] is inserted in the base  
cap [[(8)]] in a pre-stressed state.
13. (currently amended) A bottle according to any one of claims 1 to 12,  
characterized in that claim 1, wherein the shaft [[(21)]] has a wall thickness of

substantially 2.00 mm to 2.50 mm, ~~in particular of 2.25 mm,~~ and the nipple (23), or the lip contacting region (22), respectively, has a wall thickness of substantially 1.20 mm to 1.50 mm, ~~in particular of 1.35 mm.~~

14. (currently amended) A bottle according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13,~~ characterized in that in claim 1, wherein the lip contacting region ~~[(22)]~~ has at least one zone (25) ~~is provided whose~~ with a wall thickness which is thinner than the wall thickness of the remaining lip contacting region ~~[(22)]~~.

15. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 14, characterized in that wherein the at least one zone [(25)] has a wall thickness of substantially 1.30 to 1.60 mm, ~~in particular of 1.45 mm.~~

16. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 14 or 15, characterized in that ~~the, wherein the at least one zone [(25)]~~ of reduced wall thickness extends as far as into the nipple ~~[(23)]~~.

17. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 16, characterized in that ~~the, wherein the at least one zone [(25)]~~ is substantially triangular in elevational view.

18. (currently amended) A bottle according to ~~any one of claims 14 to 17,~~ characterized in that the claim 14, wherein the at least one zone [(25)] of reduced wall thickness is reinforced by at least one stiffening rib ~~[(26)]~~.

19. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 18, characterized in that  
wherein the stiffening rib [[(26)]] in the region of the at least one zone [[(25)]] of reduced wall thickness is provided on the inner side of the teat [[(9)]].
20. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 18 or 19, characterized in that,  
wherein the stiffening rib [[(26)]] extends as far as into the nipple [[(23)]].
21. (currently amended) A bottle according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 20~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the nipple [[(23)]] has a substantially oval cross-section, whereas the shaft [[(22)]] has a circular cross-section.
22. (currently amended) A bottle according to ~~any one of claims 14 to 21~~, characterized in that claim 14, wherein two diametrically opposite zones [[(25)]] of reduced wall thickness are provided.
23. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 22, characterized in that  
wherein the two zones [[(25)]] of reduced wall thickness are located in [[the]] a region of the flatter sides of the nipple [[(9)]].
24. (currently amended) A bottle according to ~~any one of claims 14 to 23~~, characterized in that ~~the teat surface in the lip contacting region (22), or the teat surface of the nipple (23), respectively, in particular the zone, or zones (25), respectively,~~ claim 14, wherein the at least one zone of reduced wall thickness, at least partially [[have]] has an increased surface roughness of 100 µm at the most, in particular of 50 µm at the most.

25. (currently amended) A bottle according to claim 24, characterized in that wherein a surface roughness of approximately 10 µm to approximately 40 µm, preferably of 15 µm to 30 µm, is provided.
26. (currently amended) A bottle according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 25~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the teat [(9)] is an injection-molded part.
27. (currently amended) A bottle according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 26~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the teat [(9)] is made of a thermoplastic elastomer.
28. (currently amended) A bottle according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 26~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the teat [(9)] is made of latex, silicone or the like elastomeric material.
29. (currently amended) A method of producing a bottle jacket [(2)] open at both sides for a bottle according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 28~~, characterized in that claim 1, wherein the bottle jacket [(2)] is injection-molded from a polyolefin, in particular of polypropylene.
30. (currently amended) A method according to claim 29, characterized in that for designing wherein the substantially conical bottle jacket (2), the bottle jacket (2) is produced with the help of a frusto-conical injection mold.
31. (currently amended) A method according to claim 29 or 30, characterized in that wherein the bottle jacket [(2)] is injection-molded from transparent polypropylene, in

particular from so-called random copolymer polypropylene, metallocene-catalyzed polypropylene or the like.